GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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ALLOTMENT OF GOVERNMENT ACCOMMODATION
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for allotting Government accommodation at nominal rent of Re.1/- to Super Bazar for running their business and not allotting any accommodation to NCCF at the same nominal rent to run their stationery business;

(b) whether the Government accommodation at the rate of Re.1/- have been allotted to Kendriya Bhandar in East and West Blocks, R.K. Puram, New Delhi to run the stationery business only;

(c) if so, whether running of stationery business is not welfare project for the Central Government employees;

(d) if so, whether the Government accommodation has been allotted to Kendriya Bhandar at a nominal rent of Re.1/- per month;

(e) if so, the reasons for not allotting Government accommodation similarly to the NCCF;

(f) the details of the welfare activities for the Central Government employees in the Kendriya Bhandar undertaking now; and

(g) the steps taken to get the Cabinet decision of 1963 reversed in view of the changed scenario, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a): No General Pool accommodation at nominal rent of Re.1/- per month has been allotted to either Super Bazar or to NCCF for running their Business by the Directorate of Estates.

(b)to(d): Kendriya Bhandar has been provided with alternative accommodation at R.K. Puram (West) Block No.8, New Delhi and R.K. Puram (East) Block No.10, New Delhi in lieu of their outlet at Raisina Road. As Kendriya Bhandar was set up as a welfare project to implement welfare measures for Government employees, Government of India has in the past provided Kendriya Bhandar with accommodation on nominal rent.

(e): NCCF has not made any request for allotment of General Pool accommodation.

(f): Kendriya Bhandar is a Multi State Cooperative Society with membership restricted to the employees of the Central Government and those of PSU`s/Autonomous Bodies/UT Administration controlled by the Central Government and the NCT of Delhi.It is a welfare project of the Government of India and was established with the objective of providing consumer goods of quality at reasonable price to the Central Government servants, in particular and public at large and stationery and other items to the Government Departments. As a part of these welfare measures, the members are entitled to the benefits under the sales promotion scheme introduced by the Society.

(g): The Cabinet Committee on accommodation reviewed the guidelines for allotment of General Pool accommodation to Kendriya Bhandar in September 1985 and decided to continue to allot accommodation to Kendriya Bhandar at the nominal licence fee of Re.1/- per month.